

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Ballard

Serial No. 09/454,492

Group Art Unit: 2164

Filed: December 6, 1999

Examiner: Weisberger

For: Remote Image Capture with Centralized Processing and Storage

PETITION TO SUSPEND ACTION

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In further response to the Office Action mailed June 7, 2006, Applicant respectfully requests that action on this application be suspended for a period of three (3) months.

This period of suspension is requested to allow the undersigned an opportunity to bring to the attention of the Examiner, prior art that has been made of record in related proceedings. Specifically, these related proceedings include the reexamination of two U.S. Patents through which this application claims priority¹.

Applicant submits that this reason provides good and sufficient cause for the suspension of action on this application. Payment of the fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(g) is being made electronically, along with the filing of this paper. Applicant therefore respectfully submits that

¹ Reexamination Control No. 90/007,829 regarding U.S. Patent No. 5,910,988; Reexamination Control No. 90/007,830 regarding U.S. Patent No. 6,032,137.

the requirements of the Rules of Practice for suspension of action in this application are met by this paper.²

Suspension of the prosecution of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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²37 C.F.R. §1.103(a).